

**REMARKS**

In the present Amendment, Claims 5-8 have been canceled.

No new matter has been added and entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the Amendment, Claims 9 and 10 will be all the claims pending in the application.

Applicants note with appreciation that Claims 9 and 10 are allowed.

**I. Response to Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

At page 3 of the Office Action, Claims 5-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Hill '964. Further, Claims 5 and 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Hikake '333, Oshiro '707 or Mandle '648.

Applicants respectfully submit that these rejections are moot, because Claims 5-8 have been canceled.

**II. Conclusion**

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
U.S. Appln. No. 09/840,917

Attorney Docket No. Q64166

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.


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